

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9901  
INFO USIA WASHDC

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EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: OEXC UR  
SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: GOSKONTSET  
REQUEST FOR USE METRIC SYSTEM

STATE FOR CU/P; USIA FOR IEE.

1. GOSKONTSET HAS REQUESTED AND EMBASSY CONCURS THAT ALL RPT ALL TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION ON PROPERTIES FOR U.S. PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS INTENDING TOUR USSR (INCLUDING COUNTRY MUSCI USA AND ROBERT JOFFERY BALLET) BE SENT TO EMBASSY FOR CONSEQUENT TRANSMITTAL TO GOSK IN THE METRIC SYSTEM. HEAVY WORKLOADS EMB/GOSK AND LACK TECHNICAL AIDS NOT ONLY REASONS. AS DEPT WELL AWARE, WEIGHT AND VOLUME OF PROPERTIES ALWAYS MAJOR FACTOR IN GOSK DECISION CONSIDER U.S. PAG FOR USSR TOUR. THERE WILL BE SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFIT, ESPECIALLY IN EARLY STAGES OF NEGOTIATION, IS METRIC SYSTEM USED EXCLUSIVELY. BUT MOST IMPORTANT, EMB/GOSK FEEL ENORMOUS ROOM FOR ERROR EXISTS WHEN WE ATTEMPT CONVERT CUBIC FEET INTO CUBIC METERS, POUNDS INTO KILOGRAMS, ETC., ESPECIALLY WORKING FROM INFORMATION RECEIVED TELEGRAPHICALLY. EMB/GOSK FEEL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS LIES WITH TECHNICAL DIRECTORS U.S. PAGES WHO WILL BE FUNCTIONING IN METRIC SYSTEM ANYWAY DURING SOVIET TOUR. FYI: ALL TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONCERNING U.S. EXHIBITIONS SLATED FOR USSR ARE TRANSMITTED TO EMB IN METRIC SYSTEM. END FYI.

2. SEPTELS FOLLOW ON PROCESS NEGOTIATIONS COUNTRY MUSIC USA  
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AND ROBERT JOFFREY. MEANWHILE ESSENTIAL ALL INFORMATION

CONCERNING PROPERTIES THESE GROUPS BE RE-CABLED IN METRIC  
SYSTEM NO LATER THAN COB WASHINGTON TIME JUNE 18. STOESSEL

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